

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the Abstract with the attached substitute Abstract.

Please add the following new header after the paragraph ending on line 3 of page 1:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Please add the following new header after the paragraph ending on line 33 of page 1:

OBJECTS AND SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 8 through line 18, with the following rewritten paragraph:

at least one of the first and second connection portions including at least one elastically deformable tab made integrally with the corresponding connection portion in the thickness of a cylindrical of said connection portion, which wall defines a single cavity that presents, in cross-section, at least one side in the form of a straight line segment, the tab extending, in cross-section, along said side, ~~the connector being characterized by the fact that wherein~~ the tab presents, in cross-section, a width that is greater than half the length of said side.

Please add the following new header after the paragraph ending on line 35 of page 5:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please add the following new header after the paragraph ending on line 11 of page 6:

MORE DETAILED DESCRIPTION